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Sir:

In response to the Supplemental Notice of Allowance mailed December 3, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows: